Besides the ongoing Primary Education Programmes, externally aided programmes are being taken up in Madhya Pradesh for strengthening and improving the primary school system.

The target of the State Government of Madhya Pradesh is to bring all the 45 Districts of the State under the fold of Total Literacy Campaigns by 1997.

Education of Tribal Children in Madhya Pradesh

2846. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the approximate number of school going tribal children in the tribal districts of Madhya Pradesh at present;

(b) whether Government are aware that most of these tribal children in the State are deprived of the right of getting education and opportunities of going to schools even for getting elementary primary education; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take to ensure that all the tribal children in Madhya Pradesh get education within a time frame ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) The approximate number of school going tribal children in Madhya Pradesh during 1993-94 is 18.17 lakhs.

District-wise enrolment figures for tribal students are not maintained by the Ministry.

(b) and (c) Following steps have been taken by the Central and State Governments to promote education among tribal children :

— Provision of incentives such as scholarships, text-books, hostel facilities. etc.;

— Provision of primary schools within one Km. distance for habitation with a population of 200;

— Improvement of facilities in primary schools under the scheme of Operation Blackboard;

— Adoption of target group oriented strategies and fixing of separate target for access, participation and achievement for ST children;

— Diversification and improvement of programme of non-formal education for children who remain outside the formal school system;

— Opening of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub-Plan Areas;

— Setting up of Educational Compllexes in Low Literacy Pockets for development of female literacy in tribal areas.

Activities of NIIT

2847. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the activities of the National Institute of Information Technology (NIIT) and its various courses offered for Graduates, Associates and Fellows of NIIT;

(b) if so, whether this has the approval of Government; and

(c) if not, what action has been taken by Government against the NIIT under the MRTPC for misleading advertisements ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (c) Director General, Investigation and Registration has asked NIIT to furnish copies of various advertisements released by it to enable him to examine the same with reference to provisions of MRTP Act, 1969 relating to unfair trade practices. As regards GNIIT course of NIIT, the Commission has already issued notice of enquiry. MRTP Commission being a quasi-judicial body, the matter is subjudice.

Allocation for Vocational Education

2848. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the allocation for vocational education out of the current year's central budget and how much has been spent till date;

(b) whether Government are aware of the criticism for not making sufficient provisions for vocational education;

(c) if so, what is Government's response thereto; and

(d) the details about the allocation for vocational education made to various States ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) An amount of Rs. 88.46 crores has been allocated during 1994-95 for the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Vocational Education at the school level. So far an amount of Rs. 44.11 crores has been sanctioned.

(b) No Sir, there has been no criticism on this account.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No state-wise allocations are made for the Vocational Education Programme. The funds are released to the State Govts./Union Territories on the basis of proposals received from them. So far, proposals have been received from 13 States/Union Territories in the current year and an amount of Rs. 43.61 crores has been sanctioned to these States/UT's

Amendment of Vishwa Bharati Act

2849. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA :
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the Members of the Executive Council of Vishwa Bharati (Shanti-Niketan) ;

(b) whether there is any proposal to amend the Vishwa Bharati Act;

(c) whether Government have received any representation to this effect; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) The names of the members of the Executive Council of Vishwa Bharati are :—

1. Prof. Sabyasachi Bhattacharya
2. Prof. Sanat Kar
3. Prof. Arun H. Mukhopadhyay
4. Sri Ajit Kr. Sarkar
5. Prof. N. C. Sukul
6. Shri Supriya Tagore
7. Smt. Monorama Sen
8. Shri Arun Majumdar
9. Dr. Sushobhan Banerjee
10. Justice Chittatosh Mookerjee
11. Justice V. Balkrishna Eradi
12. Prof. Hiren Mukherjee

(b) and (c) The Government has received no representation for amendment in the Vishwa Bharati Act. No such proposal is under consideration.

(d) Does not arise.

Convention of KVS Associations

2850. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH :
SHRI J. S. RAJU :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that third Convention of Rashtriya Kendriya Vidyalaya Adhyapak Sangh(s) was held during the vear 1993-94.

(b) if so, when the first and second conventions were held;

(c) what were the names the elected office beares each time;

(d) whether the said association functioned as unrecognised and unregistered prior to March, 1994;

(e) if so, how and why benefits admissible to recognised associations were extended to unrecognised and unregistered association;

(f) whether RKVAS (U) has since been derecognised; and

(g) if so, the reasons and justification therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (g) Rashtriya Kendriya Vidyalaya Adhyapak Sangh (RKVAS), one of the employees Association of KVS Teaching Staff was